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Kind Statement on Governor's Hmong Resettlement Task Force

Eau Claire, WI – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) issued the following statement today on Governor Doyle's announcement of a Wisconsin Hmong Resettlement Task Force:

"I commend Governor Doyle's leadership in establishing a Special Advisory Hmong Resettlement Task Force to facilitate the resettlement of the thousands of Lao and Hmong refugees anticipated to arrive in Wisconsin in the months ahead. As we welcome the refugees to their new home, it is imperative that our communities are equipped with the necessary resources to support their resettlement needs.

"I recently sent a letter to Dr. Nguyen Van Hanh, the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement in the Department of Health and Human Services, requesting the expedited release of grant funds to assist communities expecting refugee arrivals, so that counties and states are prepared to accommodate them immediately upon arrival. It is my hope that the combined federal and state efforts will help make the transition as smooth as possible for these new Wisconsin residents and the communities they will be joining."